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2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

   a. type of material

      ☐ a sequence listing

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The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application

☒ claims Nos. 10

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

The subject matter of claim 10 relates to a method for treatment of the human body.

☐ the description, claims or drawings *(indicate particular elements below)* or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☒ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 10

☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

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☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-4, 8, 9, 11	YES
	Claims	1, 5-7	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9, 11	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9, 11	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: WO, 2004-002957, A1 (Actelion Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.), 8 January, 2004 (08.01.04)
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December 6: WO, 01-025219, A1 (Glaxo Group Ltd.), 12 April, 2001 (12.04.01)

(1) The subject matters of claims 1 and 5-7 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes a compound corresponding to the general formula (I) described in claim 1.

Document 1 further describes that the compound is used for treatment of pulmonary hypertension, circulatory organ diseases, kidney diseases, immunosuppression after transplant, glaucoma etc.

Document 1 does not disclose a tachykinin receptor antagonism. However, the invention of the application concerned, a tachykinin receptor antagonist, is also used for treatment of pulmonary hypertension, circulatory organ diseases, kidney diseases, immunosuppression after transplant, glaucoma etc. So, the scope of application and medical use of document 1 cannot be distinguished from that of the invention of the application concerned.

Therefore, the subject matters of claims 1 and 5-7 are considered to be the same as the invention described in document 1 cited in the ISR.

(2) The subject matters of claims 2-4 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 cited in the ISR and documents 2-6 cited in the ISR.

See (1) above-mentioned.

The compound relating to claims 2-4 differs from the compound described in document 1 in the substituent which bonds with a nitrogen-containing heterocycle (corresponding to an A ring) and benzene rings (corresponding to a B ring and a C ring) in the general formula (I) described in claim 1.

Documents 2-6 describe various compounds that have a structure similar to that of the compound described in document 1 and are useful as medicines. However, they also describe that acyl is preferable as a substituent bonding with nitrogen of a nitrogen-containing heterocycle and alkyl halide is preferable as a substituent on a benzene ring.

Accordingly, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of applying the substituent described in documents 2-6 to the compound useful as a medicine described in document 1.

Therefore, the compound relating to claims 2-4 is not recognized to have an unexpected effect in comparison with the publicly known compounds described in the above documents.

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

(3) The subject matters of claims 8, 9 and 11 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 cited in the ISR and documents 2-6 cited in the ISR.

See (1) and (2) above-mentioned.

As described in documents 2-6, various compounds are known which are useful as a tachykinin receptor antagonist that comprises a compound to which a nitrogen-containing heterocycle and two benzene rings are indispensable. The compound relating to claims 1-4 differs from the compound described in document 2 only in that methylene bonds to the nitrogen-containing heterocycle (corresponding to an A ring) and the benzene ring (corresponding to a B ring) in the general formula (I) described in claim 1 by an amide bond.

However, documents 3-6 describe various compounds that are useful as a tachykinin receptor antagonist which bonds, by an amide bond, with methylene bonding to the nitrogen-containing heterocycle and the benzene ring.

Accordingly, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of employing an amide bond in the bonding portion of methylene bonding with the nitrogen-containing heterocycle and the benzene ring in the tachykinin receptor antagonist described in document 2.

Therefore, the tachykinin receptor antagonist relating to claims 8, 9 and 11 is not recognized to have an unexpected effect in comparison with the tachykinin receptor antagonist described in the above documents.

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